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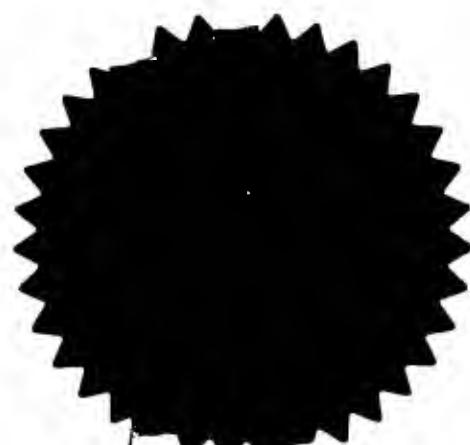
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Title:
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Abstract.

Improving the combustion efficiency of pulverized fuel (PF) leads to the considerable reduction of pollutants emissions such as nitrogen oxide (NOx). Pulverized fuel is usually transported from the mill in pipes through different bends and chicanes to the burners. During the transportation process these bends act as classifiers of the solid particles. This gives rise to pulverized fuel ropes where the solid phase is distinct from the air phase. On arriving at the splitting points (bifurcations and trifurcations) the PF flow is no longer mixed and could eventually splits into uneven fuel/air ratio to feed different burners. Therefore, this yields uneven combustion in the burners, increasing fuel costs and levels of carbon in the ash as well as the emission of pollutants in the flue gas.

Consequently, it is essential to have a device that breaks the rope and that produces a homogenous distribution of the PF flow before any bifurcation or trifurcation. This application describes such a device.

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Description

A passive method designed to break the rope with minimal pressure drop and enhanced control of the PF flow in pipes is herein disclosed. The proposed method is based on sudden and/or gradual variations in the cross sectional areas and or surfaces of the device. These strategically shaped forms will break the rope and yield a homogeneous mix of the PF flow prior to any split in the pipelines. Further the device can be used for any pipe inclination angle. The device can be of any cross section and/or geometry and a possible example of an embodiment is shown in figure 1.

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Claims

- 1- A passive multi-phase flow mixer device characterized by sudden and/or gradual variations in the cross sectional area or surfaces of vertical, horizontal or inclined pipes as well as in corners and bends.
- 2- A passive multi-phase flow mixer device as stated in claim 1, wherein one or multi changes of the cross sectional areas or surfaces of the device's architecture is embodied.
- 3- A passive multi phase flow mixer device as per claims 1 and 2 wherein different changes of the same or different forms and shapes are combined in line and/or in parallel format.
- 4- A passive multi phase flow mixer device as per claim 3, wherein variation of the cross sectional areas are used to induce mixing and/or induce separation and eliminate and/or reduce and/or increase the particulate drop-out in the vertical, horizontal and inclined pipes as well as in pipe elbows and bends.
- 5- A passive multi phase flow mixer device as claimed in 4 above, where within the device one or all components are made from: metal, glass, plastic, wood, paper, cloth, lather, composite material, abrasion resistant material or ceramic.

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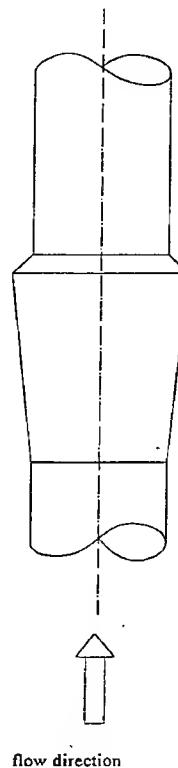


Fig 1: A typical embodiment of the device